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Singers enjoy *Mass* performance

By Rachel Edwards

Standing in front of a full house performing six pieces of music can be a nerve-racking experience. But on Oct. 28 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, the Shelton Singers did exactly that and nerves never appeared to be part of their performance.

Asked if stage fright was present during the performance director Glinda Blackshear said, "There should always be a sense of nervous excitement because you want to do the absolute best that you possibly can." The first half of the Shelton Singers Sacred Concert consisted of five various-styled pieces directed by Blackshear, accompanied by Susan Goode.

The second half of the concert was solely devoted to the 40-page *Schubert Mass in G*. This piece consists of six movements and takes 25 minutes to perform.

The Mass was conducted by Shelton State faculty member Dr. Mark Brown and was accompanied by an orchestra, consisting of graduate and doctoral students from the UA.

Brown was quite to-the=point about what inspired him to take on this

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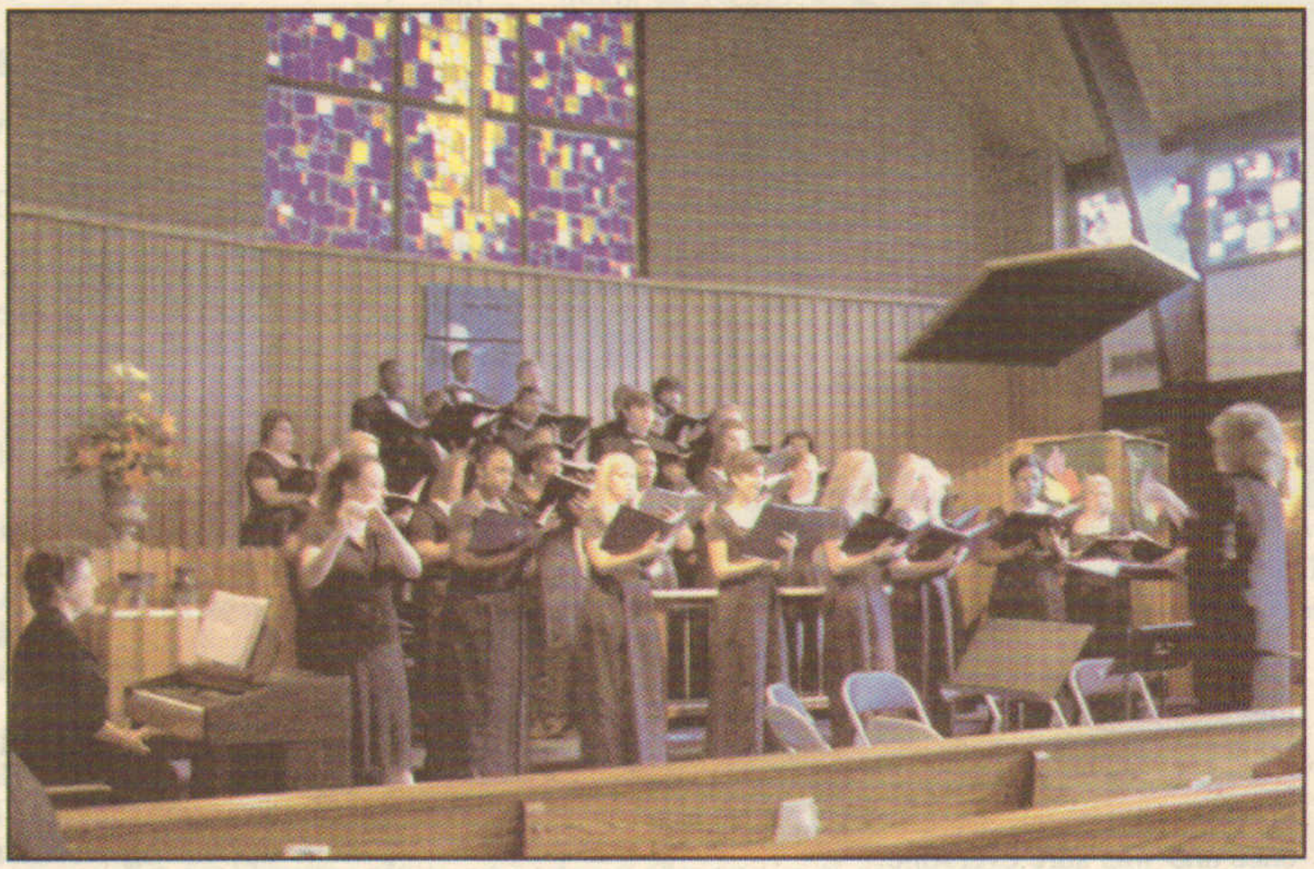
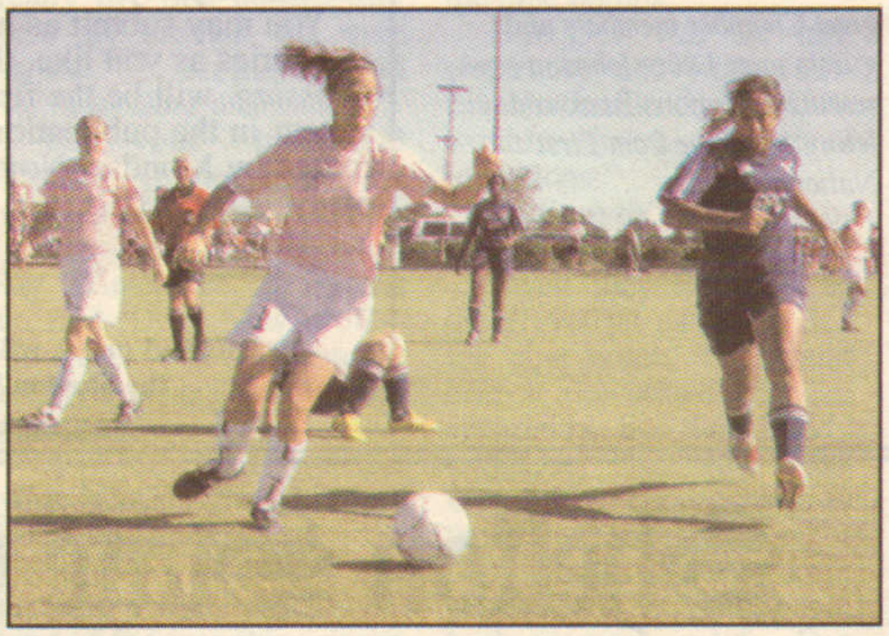
Lifting their voices



The Shelton Singers performed sacred music at Covenant Presbyterian Church.
Photo by Rachel Ross

Bucs tripped up in playoffs



Gina Lasseter drives toward the goal in a Bucs victory on Oct. 20. The team wore pink jerseys in recognition of Breast Cancer awareness. Photo by Tom McFall

By Tom McFall

Shelton State women's soccer program capped their season with an invitation to play at the regionals in Lakeland, Fla.

Representing Alabama against Florida, Georgia, and Kentucky, the Lady Bucs met Darton College in a 11 a.m. match on Friday, Nov. 2. With Darton seeded as the #1 team, the Shelton players gave it their all. Playing a very physical

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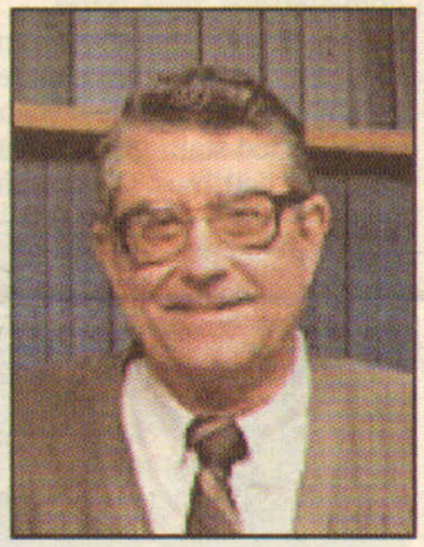
The College's Nobel Prize connection

Popular science instructor Lee Albritton has brother who led climate study

By Keith Huffman

For anyone who has taken one of his chemistry or astronomy courses, pop-



Dan Albritton was one of the lead scientists in the climate study that won the Nobel Peace Prize

ular Shelton State instructor Dr. Lee Albritton is a man of sheer fascination.

Having earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at Rice University in 1972, his expertise and ability to

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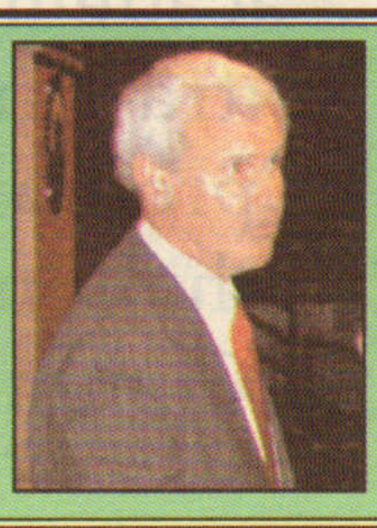

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piece: "Schubert is a great representative work for students to deepen their appreciation for different styles of music," he said.

All the music sang at the Shelton Singers Sacred Concert had a positive message regardless of the listeners' religious background.

Most of the audience seemed captivated to see how in that hour and those few minutes the audience seemed to be on the same wave length as the messages that some of the songs were conveying.

Covenant Presbyterian Church had an immaculate sanctuary complete with jewel-toned stain glass and a vaulted ceiling. The open space was filled with the rich sound of the Shelton Singers well-rehearsed intonations.

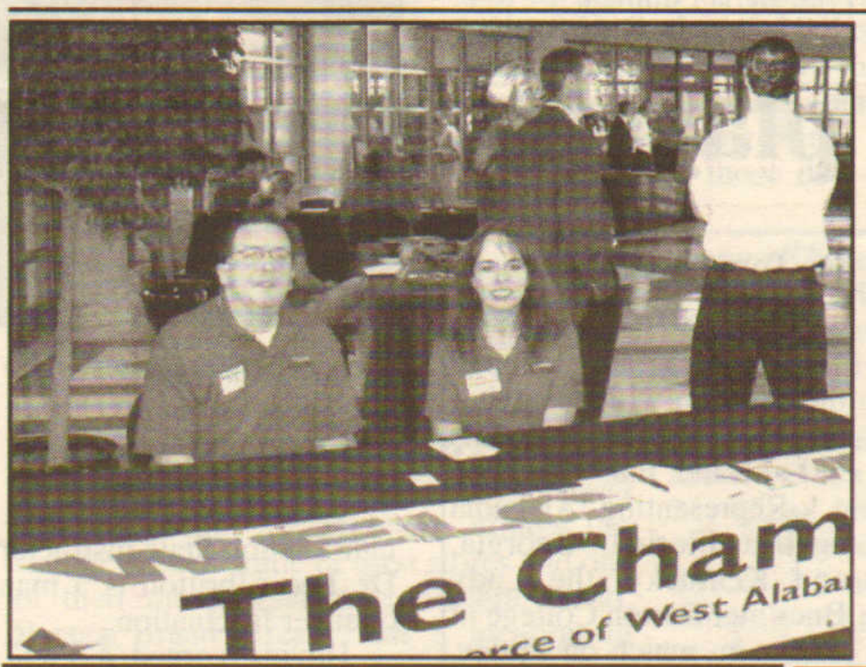
To see the Shelton Singers come out so composed and uniform seem to give the audience a positive message about today's youth.

Brown seemed quite exhilarated by the experience and was sure everyone there was, too. "The Shelton Singers enjoy performing in a variety of styles to instill in themselves as well as the audience a deeper appreciation for quality choral music."

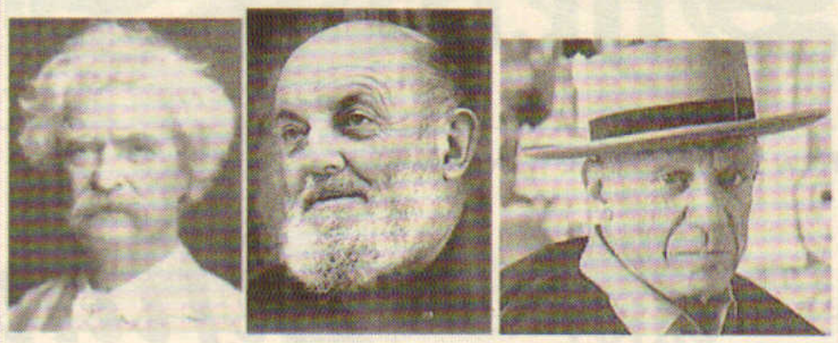
Dr. Mark Brown (L) rehearses an orchestra composed of mostly University graduate students during the sacred music concert at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Glinda Blackshear was also enthusiastic about the effect of this experience on the Singers, "We want to give our students a variety of sacred music styles that they might not hear in their own church.

"I thinks it's a real pleasure for them to sing accurately and beautifully and meaningfully regardless of their beliefs. That beautiful music is a spiritual experience."



Shelton State once again hosted the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce mixer. On hand to greet Chamber members and guests were Lance Johnson representing Regions Bank and Jenny Marlowe from First National Bank.



(Not our panel of judges)

Attention artists, poets, prose writers and photographers:

Once again this year in December the *Shelton State Courier* will present *Maxwell's Crossing*, the literary and fine arts publication of Shelton State Community College.

All students, faculty & staff and college supporters who are members of the Shelton State Alumni Association are eligible to submit written and visual materials for inclusion in the publication.

There will be prizes awarded this year for the best works in the following categories:

Best Fiction Work
Best Non-fiction Article
Best Photograph
Best Painting or Sketch
Best Poem

Submissions should be made without the artist's name appearing on the material; rather, the artist and work's names and/or description should be attached by index card.

Qualified judges will make the final selection for the prizes and awards. Selectees will receive both an award with their names embossed and an appropriate gift and will be feted at the *Courier/Crossing* Christmas party.

You may submit as much material in as many categories as you like, though the staff of *Maxwell's Crossing* will be the final arbiters of what shall appear in the publication. All material must be submitted by Monday, Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. to the Courier office, Rm. 2319.

Awards and prizes will be made this year courtesy of the Shelton State Foundation

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Among its functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression, and all students are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper.

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

The *Courier* is an equal opportunity employer and student organization. All students are encouraged to participate.

Soccer

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game, the Cavaliers of Darton were attacked by the Bucs of Shelton. By the end of the half, Darton was ahead by two. At the game's end, the Cavaliers won 4-0.

It was Head Coach Nellie Christian's intention to allow the players a visit to Disney World a short distance away, with a win. But impressed with the effort the Lady Bucs displayed on the field and for a season that could be considered a success, the team indeed went to the Magic Kingdom.

The many fans who loyally followed the team offered congratulations to the women's soccer program for representing Shelton State well throughout the season.

Along with Head Coach Nellie Christian, Assistant Coach David Hill, players, and student assistant enjoyed a sterling 13-4-1 year.

Here is a summary of the last home games of the season:

Oct. 8: Darton College 6; Shelton State 1

First Half:

Darton College arrived as the fourth-best Division III college in the nation and it didn't take long for the Lady Bucs to discover why. Darton pressed hard into the box and was relentless.

Stephanie Damers kicked the first goal past Shelton goaltender Kathryn Ownes with 40:45 on the clock. Ownes fought hard as the attack continued. The Lady Bucs could not seem to keep the ball clear and cross over to the other side often enough. Just over twenty minutes later, Lauren Wheatley scored another Darton goal. Less than two minutes later, Charelle Albert scored. Shelton State defenders Tonie Love, Kelly Reeve, Amy Snow, and Jenny Watkins did their best to protect the box and keep the ball cleared for Ownes, but before the half ended, Lindsey Warner scored to lift Darton to a 4-0 lead.

Second Half:

For the second half, Head Coach Nellie Christian brought the Lady Bucs in with purpose. Sara Lynch took over the goaltender position and the Shelton defenders succeeded in clearing the ball not only from the box, but the midfielders pushed it ahead to awaiting forwards.

Melissa Reid assisted with a well-placed shot to Monica Robinson who crushed one in for Shelton State's only score. Melissa Reid just missed scoring with another great shot a short time later.

Midfielder Jenn Waites just missed another opportunity with a header fed by a corner-kick. Darton scored with a goal from Lindsey Clouser and another from Charelle Albert, her second of the game.

Breaking down the game, said Coach Christian, "You're playing the number four team in the country and you expect it's going to be a very good game. These guys always try to learn something new.

First half, I don't think we stepped onto the field with any kind of confidence. Second half, a little bit better. We just have to figure out how to put two halves together like that." When asked for the main lesson to be learned, Christian said, "We play with what we have on the field. We play to our strengths and try to play away from our weaknesses. Any time we meet an opponent on the field we have to respect them by giving them everything we have."

Oct. 11: Truett McConnell 0; Shelton State 4

First Half:

Shelton State stepped on the grass ready to play. A tough loss to Darton and a cancelled game due to bad weather was enough to inspire the Lady Bucs. Dominating the field of play, Shelton was on Truett's side of the field for most of the first half.

Midfielder Bo Hartley Davis assisted fellow midfielder Angela Tudisco for the first goal of the game against Truett goaltender Lauren Robbins.

Forward Monica Robinson, midfielder Kristen Knarr, and Tudisco helped to keep the ball towards the box. Playing a great game, midfielder Megan Keen assisted to forward Melissa Reid for Shelton's second score.

Scuffles like this were not uncommon this season for the Bucs. Physical play was one of the trademarks of Coach Christian's team.

Second Half:

Although Truett McConnell crossed into Bucs' territory more in the second half, the Shelton State defenders cleared the ball quickly.

Aggressive goaltending by Sara Lynch kept Truett forwards honest. Also having a great game, Melissa Reid found defender Amy Snow open downfield and Snow scored.

The Lady Bucs scored once more before the second-half ended with Megan Keen making her second assist to open midfielder Tara Foster for Shelton's fourth goal.

Although the Shelton State players walked away with the win, Head Coach Nellie Christian reiterated her feelings on game-intensity.

"The intensity wasn't the same," Christian said. "I think a lot of it has to do with the opponent that you play. We need to figure out a way to stay consistent. Any time you win, it's a good thing. We'll take the win for sure. I just think we could play with a little more consistency; we could play with a little more intensity.

"Every time you step on the field you have to respect your opponent. The way you respect your opponent is by playing your very best every single time you step on the field."

Oct. 20: Georgia Perimeter 0; Shelton State 2

The Lady Bucs of Shelton had a lot to play for in this game. They worked hard to raise money for the fight against breast cancer leading up to what was marked as the Breast Cancer Awareness Game. The Bucs also lost to Georgia Perimeter in an Aug. 30 match-up.

A Shelton player tries to corral a high pass in a recent Bucs victory over Georgia Perimeter.

Photo by Tom McFall

First Half:

Battling an abnormally hot day, the two teams substituted players often. Those in attendance not only witnessed a scoreless first-half, but the toughest and roughest game of the year. Georgia Perimeter was even on sharing side-of-play with the Lady Bucs wearing pink jerseys in recognition for their cause.

Shelton State goaltender Sara Lynch played aggressively, chasing wayward balls kicked towards the far reaches of the box. On the other side of the field, Georgia Perimeter goaltender Lauren Whitaker also played well.

Second Half:

Continuing what began in the first half, players from both teams pushed against each other unwilling to give-up control of the ball.

Penalties were high and a "yellow-card" flashed to a Georgia Perimeter player. With tackled players falling over sweeping legs on both sides, midfielder Brittany Hobson took one of the roughest falls. But less than five minutes into the second-half, defender Amy Snow scored Shelton's first goal with an assist from forward Monica Robinson.

Fifteen minutes later, Bucs' midfielder Bo Hartley Davis scored with an assist from forward Katie D'Alessandro. The final 34 minutes of the half were scoreless as the Shelton State Bucs won their final regular-season game.

Head Coach Nellie Christian was all smiles after the game.

When asked for her thoughts on the Lady Bucs' play, she said the following. "It was a good one. I think it showed our discipline and it showed how physical we're able to come out and play."

Referring to the rough and tough play, Christian said, "We don't coach our girls to be dirty. I will pull them aside if I see any malice intent whatsoever. But I do like them to be physical because that evens the playing field a little bit."

Looking towards the Regional Tournament Christian remarked, "Any given day, anybody can step up and win. Our team has the ability to go down there, (Lakeland, Florida), and do very well. Mentally we have to prepare and get ready to play. They have to have confidence in themselves and their teammates. If they're able to do that, that's a huge step forward.

"They are good enough to beat the top teams in the country."

The Department of Public Health has recommended the following guidelines for the prevention of the spread of MRSA infection, acronym for Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus.

1. Avoid sharing personal items and skin care products such as clothing, balms and moisturizers.
2. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 30 seconds and use an alcohol based hand wash when you can not wash with soap and warm water.
3. Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed.
4. Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages and wash hands immediately after changing a bandage.
5. Seek medical attention if the wound does not heal properly or appears to be infected.
6. Students and teachers are encouraged to report known or suspected MRSA to school authorities.

Shelton taking precautions to prevent 'mursa' outbreak

In light of the recent outbreaks of staph infections across the country in schools, hospitals and various public places, the Shelton State administration would like all students, faculty members and staff to know of the precautions being taken to prevent an occurrence here.

MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) is the most common and most dangerous form of the staph bacterium. Over time, it has developed an immunity to normal antibiotics, thus making it more difficult to treat. The bug is usually transmitted by coming in contact with infected surfaces such as door handles, restrooms and hand-railings.

The Shelton State maintanence staff has been utilizing a specialized chemical solution for years that attacks various bacteria and viruses, including MRSA. This solution is identical to a chemical used to clean hospitals.

The chemical is diluted with water by a specialized machine to ensure the proper amount of "solute" is used. This provides a cleanser safe for human use but with maximum antibiotic strength.

With the onset of flu season and the awareness of staph infections at an all-time high, maintanence will be stepping up their efforts to head off any possible infections on campus. Special attention will be paid to elevators, railings, restrooms, D room tables, and high traffic areas. These measures, coupled with increased awareness, should help keep flu and and other infections to a minimum this season.

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2007-2008 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Friday-Saturday, October 12-13, 2007, Dallas Jamboree, Dallas, TX				
Tuesday, October 23, 2007, Shelton Jamboree, The Umphrey Center, 5 PM and 8 PM				
October 26	Friday	Itawamba (scrimmage)	Fulton, MS	3:30 PM
November 2-3, 2007, CiCi's Tip Off Classic, Pensacola, FL Friday, November 2 vs. Atlanta Metro @ 5:30 PM Saturday, November 3 vs. Pensacola JC @ 7:30 PM				
November 8	Thursday	LBW (HC)	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
November 15	Thursday	Genesis One Prep	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
November 19-20, 2007, Southland International Classic, The Umphrey Center, 7:30 PM Monday, 11/19 vs. Wallace-Selma – Tuesday, 11/20 vs. Faulkner State				
November 26	Monday	Bishop State	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
November 29	Thursday	Faulkner State	Bay Minette, AL	7:15 PM
November 30	Friday	LBW	Andalusia, AL	7:30 PM
December 6	Thursday	Chattahoochee Valley	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
December 8	Saturday	Enterprise-Ozark	Enterprise, AL	4:30 PM
December 17-18, 2007 – Polk Tournament, Winter Haven, FL TBA				
January 5, 2008	Saturday	AL Southern	Monroeville, AL	7:30 PM
January 12	Saturday	*Bevill-Sumiton	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
January 14	Monday	*NW Shoals	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
January 17	Thursday	* Lawson State	Birmingham, AL	7:30 PM
January 22	Tuesday	*Snead State	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
January 24	Thursday	*Bevill-Fayette	Fayette, AL	7:30 PM
January 28	Monday	*Wallace-Hanceville	Hanceville, AL	7:30 PM
January 31	Thursday	*Gadsden State	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 2	Saturday	*Bevill-Sumiton	Jasper, AL	7:00 PM
February 4	Monday	*Marion Military Inst	Marion, AL	7:30 PM
February 7	Thursday	*NW Shoals	Muscle Shoals, AL	7:30 PM
February 11	Monday	*Lawson State	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 14	Thursday	*Snead	Boaz, AL	7:30 PM
February 18	Monday	*Bevill-Fayette	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 21	Thursday	*Wallace-Hanceville	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
February 25	Monday	*Gadsden State	Gadsden, AL	7:30 PM
February 28	Thursday	*Marion Military Inst	Umphrey Center	7:30 PM
March 5-8, 2007, ACCC State Tournament, NW Shoals CC, Muscle Shoals, AL				

Schedule Revised 10/15/2007 *Conference Games HC-Homecoming

Head Coach - Barry Mohun - Assistant Coach - Tim Law

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2007-2008 Lady Bucs Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
October 7	Sunday	**JUCO Jamboree	Columbus, GA	TBA
October 19	Friday	**JUCO Jamboree	Hanceville, AL	TBA
October 27	Saturday	**Univ of North AL	Florence, AL	5:00 PM
November 2	Friday	**Birmingham Southern	Birmingham, AL	5:00 PM
November 8	Thursday	LBW (HC)	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
November 10	Saturday	Wallace-Selma	Selma, AL	5:30 PM
November 16-17, 2007, Panola CC Tournament, Panola, TX				
November 26	Monday	Bishop State	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
November 30	Friday	LBW	Andalusia, AL	5:30 PM
December 6	Thursday	Chattahoochee Valley	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
December 8	Saturday	Enterprise-Ozark	Enterprise, AL	2:30 PM
December 17-18, Daytona Beach CC Holiday Classic, Daytona Beach, FL				
January 4-5, 2008, Delgado CC Tournament, New Orleans, LA				
January 7, 2008	Monday	Wallace-Selma	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
January 10	Thursday	Southern Union	Wadley, AL	5:30 PM
January 12	Saturday	Alabama Southern	Monroeville, AL	3:00 PM
January 14	Monday	*Northwest Shoals	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
January 17	Thursday	*Lawson State	Birmingham, AL	5:30 PM
January 22	Tuesday	*Snead State	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
January 24	Thursday	*Bevill-Fayette	Fayette, AL	5:30 PM
January 28	Monday	*Wallace-Hanceville	Hanceville, AL	5:30 PM
January 31	Thursday	*Gadsden State	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
February 7	Thursday	*Northwest Shoals	Muscle Shoals, AL	5:30 PM
February 9	Saturday	Faulkner State	Umphrey Center	3:00 PM
February 11	Monday	*Lawson State	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
February 14	Thursday	*Snead State	Boaz, AL	5:30 PM
February 16	Saturday	Alabama Southern	Umphrey Center	3:00 PM
February 18	Monday	*Bevill-Fayette	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
February 21	Thursday	*Wallace-Hanceville	Umphrey Center	5:30 PM
February 25	Monday	*Gadsden State	Gadsden, AL	5:30 PM
March 2-5, 2008 ACCC Women's Basketball Tournament, NW Shoals CC, Muscle Shoals, AL				

* Conference Games ** Scrimmage (HC) Homecoming
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Head Coach - Madonna Thompson Assistant - Chris Sanford

Phi Theta Kappa Cell Phone Drive for Local Women's Center

Please donate old cell phones, batteries and chargers at the Security desk in the Atrium through November 15

Shel-Shots

Shelton State Athletic Director and head basketball coach Barry Mohun gave the marching orders to participants in the 3rd annual Shelton State Athletic Department golf outing at Woodland Forrest Country Club.

Let the campaigning begin! *The four finalists for 2007 Shelton Homecoming Queen put on display their visual biographies outside the Student Organizations Center. The finalists were: Katelyn Perkins, Laci Crimm, Sara Cooley and Katie Cowart.*

The Shelton Nursing program staffed a display in the atrium to help bring awareness to the campaign against breast cancer.

A very popular part of Quality month at Shelton State is the annual paper airplane contest. Beth Patrick (L) makes the presentation to this year's winner, Michelle Youngblood while Quality Team members Tina Walker and Jim Wilson look on.

The climax of Quality month was the awards presentation to faculty and staff members who have distinguished themselves locally, regionally or nationally.

Chancellor Bradley Byrne (L) consults with the faculty and staff representatives of the presidential search committee (L-R) Bill Stringfellow, Nellie Christian, Mike Aaron. Also present was Joan Davis of the College System.

News From Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa's Recent Leadership Conference

By Missie DeLoach

Alabama's regional Phi Theta Kappa leadership conference, which was held at the 4-H Center in Columbiana, Alabama, took place Sept. 14-15.

Those attending from Shelton's Phi Theta Kappa chapter were advisors Claire Brock and Julia Speights, and officers Patricia Latham, Laci Crimm, Nikitah Fonbah, and Missie DeLoach. The first night began with an introduction from Dr. Humphrey Lee, regional coordinator, and announcements from Phi Theta Kappa's regional officers. The first speaker was Mr. Andrew Jenkins, director of the Lovelady Center in Birmingham, who spoke on "The Power of Service: Making a Lasting Impact in Communities." He talked about how women and their children can come and receive shelter, food, protection, and a new start on their life at the Lovelady Center. He moved his audience with a few personal stories about some of the women who come to the center seeking help. Anyone wanting to learn more about the Lovelady Center can check out their website at www.loveladycenter.com.

The second speaker was Mr. Steve Hallman from Jefferson State Community College, who spoke on "To Boldly Go: Your Journey into the Future." Mr. Hallman handed out an interesting quiz on personality types. He then gave an in-depth summary of what personality types there are and jobs that are appropriate for people with those personality types, all from a Star Trek point of view. Phi Theta Kappa chapters were then asked to participate in "Leadership in Action: A Cable Car Crisis," which challenged leadership roles and teamwork amongst groups. The day ended with a pool party and snacks.

The second day, Saturday September 15, started with team-building activities in which three groups were formed and faced with obstacle-course type challenges, which gave more opportunities for leaders and teamwork to be built. After lunch, each of the regional officers gave workshops on "Articulating Your Vision: The Power of Effective Communication," "SMART Power: Leading with Goals,""The Power to Shape the Future: Making a Difference by Choosing to Take a Leadership Role," and "The Dynamics of a Powerful Hallmark Award Entry." The conference ended with Mr. Steve Hallman speaking again, this time on "Personal Power: Maximizing Your Leadership Potential." Everyone went home with a renewed depiction of what a leader should be and a better understanding of how to begin to fill that role.

Announcements:

Phi Theta Kappa Fall 2007 Induction

Phi Theta Kappa held its informal fall induction ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Friday November 2, 2007 in the Student Organization Center. Members inducted were Janet Lowry and Tonna Saunders, who were joined by their family and friends. Dean Linda Grote was a special guest who gave the ceremonial invocation. There were refreshments following the ceremony, which enabled the new members to get acquainted with the officers. Phi Theta Kappa would like to emphasize the importance of being accepted into the society, and the academic achievement that these students have reached is of great worth.

The Shelton State chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in conjunction with the Natural Science Department is sponsoring Dr. Fakhry Assaad as a speaker on environmental issues Wednesday, November 7 at 3:30 in the lecture hall on the second floor (Room 2255).

Dr. Assaad will speak on Environmental Science.

Topics he will touch on will include:

World Population
Global Warming
Acid Rain
Ozone Depletion
Radon Gas
Drinking Water Standards

All faculty and students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The deadline to submit the All-USA/All-Alabama Scholarship application has been extended to November 8, 2007 @ 12 noon. Packets are available outside the PTK office, Room 2408. Information is available at www.ptk.org .

The kids didn't seem "all shook up," even after receiving candy from Elvis during the annual Halloween walkthrough in the atrium. Students from Taylorville Primary School stopped by to get a head start on their trick-or-treating in a popular highlight of the college school year.

Photo by Tom McFall

Albritton

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explain the scientific realm has enabled him to achieve great popularity and recognition in the college.

But despite his academic and scientific excellence, Albritton insists that he stands gladly in the "shadow" of his older brother, retired National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) director Dr. Daniel L. Albritton.

"Dan" Albritton was among the scientists who shared this year's Nobel Peace Prize award with former vice-president Al Gore for their scientific studies on global warming.

During a Nov. 6 exclusive telephone interview, Dr. Dan Albritton said he'd "worked with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for 15 years" where he led the team of authors who wrote the summary for policy makers in the 2001 IPCC report.

Regarding his reaction upon hearing the IPCC was awarded half of the Nobel Peace Prize, Dan Albritton said, "I was very pleased when I heard on the radio that the IPCC shared the Nobel Peace Prize. It recognized that scientists not only do their science, but many of them work hard at describing the science to those who need to make informed decisions. And that really is the goal of the IPCC."

As accomplished a scientist as Dan Albritton is, he too is a family man who is enormously proud of his brother Lee. "He as a teacher shapes the future," he said.

According to his profile on the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) website, Dan Albritton "is one of the world's foremost experts on atmospheric science and in particular, ozone layer depletion and global climate change."

Albritton's profile also states he was "Co-Chair of the Scientific Assessment Panel" as well as "a Coordinating Lead Author... of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)."

The site also draws attention to Albritton's leadership as NOAA's director, which he became in 1986, and praises his "critical contributions... personal skills and tireless efforts at communicating scientific findings with the highest standards of integrity and accuracy, [which] have become the scientific basis for national and global decision-makers at all levels."

The recipient of many prestigious awards, Dan Albritton has even had a specific day named in his honor. According to Lee Albritton, the mayor of Boulder, Colo., declared "Dan Albritton Day" on May 8, 2006 when Dan's retirement was celebrated by his colleagues and family. The declaration, Lee Albritton said, was given in highest regards toward the scientific advancements made during the "Albritton Era."

In addition, Dan was also given one of the "2007 Best-of-the-Best Stratospheric Ozone Protection Awards" by the EPA, according to the NOAA'S official website.

Some of Dan Albritton's other awards include the 2005 "Vienna Convention Award For Outstanding Contributions to the Protection of the Ozone Layer," as well as "two Department of Commerce Gold Medal Awards and three Presidential Rank Awards," according to his profile on UNEP's official website.

Dan Albritton was also given the Distinguished Service Award by former president George H. W. Bush in 1991 for his scientific work at NOAA.

Regarding his brother's success, Dr. Lee Albritton smiled and said of his eight-years-older sibling, "I still worship him."

As a child, Lee Albritton said he was always eager to assist with whatever "project" Dan Albritton was conducting in their self-made "laboratory." The projects, he explained, usually dealt with the repair and experimentation with Model-A Fords.

Although he obtained a Ph.D. in chemistry from Rice University and worked three years for DuPont in North Carolina, Lee Albritton decided to teach

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because of his keen interest in students. A chemistry and astronomy instructor, Albritton said he had no career envy with his older brother.

"I found my niche in the community college," he proudly declared.

Albritton has taught at Shelton State and its predecessor in Fayette for more than thirty years, and has served as chairperson of Shelton State's science division. In addition, he was president for the Shelton State Faculty Association, and was also recognized by Governor Bob Riley when he was chosen to assist the Cahaba Trace Commission for the state's benefit.

Nevertheless, one of Albritton's key assets at Shelton State is his influence with the astronomy program. With new observatories and a planetarium in the works, the program has excelled academically and appeals to many aspiring science students on both the Martin and Fredd campuses.

Having built with his brother their own observatory years ago as kids, Albritton views Shelton's recently installed observatories as fond reflections of his childhood.

Although his brother retired as director of NOAA in 2006, Albritton said he plans to do likewise "in another two years." However, he insists that he doesn't consider his being an instructor work.

"I thoroughly enjoy it," he admitted, adding that because he loves teaching, he often wonders, "Am I really going to be paid for this?"

Lee Albritton recently participated in an exclusive interview session with the *Courier*, speaking for nearly three hours about his brother, his upbringing, his love for science and the pleasure he gets from teaching at Shelton State.

Casually clad in aging jeans, a long-sleeved mossy-green shirt and a light brown pair of New Balance, he recalled several noteworthy highlights from his as well as his brother's youth.

How would you describe your childhood in Camden, Alabama?

"Well, first off I'm a late, late-in-life baby. My brother, Daniel Lee Albritton—"Dee"—is like eight years older. My mother had him in '36, I think, 1936. But my mother's sister had a child a year later. But she had some type of blood poisoning and died in childbirth. But that's my other brother. It's her son, Haas Strother. So he's really my first cousin. But he's my brother. We were raised as brothers. And we're as close as brothers."

So your biological brother, Daniel Lee, why was his nickname "Dee"?

"You see, Haas couldn't say 'Daniel Lee,' so instead he said 'Dee.' Now professionally, he's usually referred to as "Dan"—Dan Albritton."

Now how did you and your brother first become interested in science?

"Well, we always had projects. I think that's what kind of led into this science thing. There was always projects going on while we were growin' up. And my nephews and I—of course we didn't have any power tools. But we got into Model-A Fords. Dee and Haas and seven of their friends bought a Model-A, and they put three wooden seats on it. And the seats each had its own horn. So they, y'know, kept those ol' Model-A's goin' and runnin'"...

Didn't you and Dee have a laboratory?

"In our old house, there was a room where you would—people used to travel in trunks. You'd put all your stuff in a trunk, and you'd get on a steamboat, or a train... But in your house, you'd have what was called a "trunk room," and that's where you put the trunks. Well, Dee moved the trunks out, and made our trunk room into a little laboratory. And that's where they made the pipe bombs.

But Dee was all into electricity and inventions. Like Leonardo da Vinci, he would even draw all kinds of inventions."

Did anything ever happen with the pipe bombs?

"Well they went out to the gravel pit and exploded the pipe bomb. You could hear it downtown Camden apparently. But then Daddy told Dee, 'Tell you what, Daniel Lee. You go down to the lumber yard and... put it on my ticket, and why don't you build a little shop out back to work in.' So Dee built his shop out back... Always something going on out there. Model-A's comin' and goin', always working on on Model A's. So I kind of grew up in my older brother, in Dee's shadow, working' on things."

Is there anything specific that you learned from Dee as a kid?

"Dee taught us three ways that tools get tore up and worn out. Number one was using the wrong tool for the job. And number two, you'd lose 'em. And number three, you'd break them for the job they were supposed to be used for."

What was your father's name?

" 'J.D.' we called him, but he's Jessie McDaniel. He always went by J.D."

And didn't he have a pharmacy degree?

"No, he was just a druggist. He started his own drugstore, called the 'Albritton Drugstore.' And the motto was 'A Place to get a Warm Welcome and a Cold Drink.' Anyway, his nephew had gone to Auburn and got a pharmacy degree. Daddy hired him in order to dispense drugs."

Can you give an example of how your father raised you?

"Well, when we all let our hair start growing out, a lot of people complained. But Daddy would say, 'Wait a minute now—wait a minute. George Washington had long hair, didn't he? I think George Washington had long hair.' So that was the unconditional love—absolutely what we had, y'know. We knew our parents were right with us."

Has your father passed away?

"Daddy was seventy-five. He was born in 1899. So he passed away... in '74... We always said he was one year younger than his actual age. We never counted the year 1900."

Now was Dee the first in your household to attend college?

"He was the first of the clan—my sister had a house right across the street, so our area was like a little 'compound' and Dee was the first to go to college from the little compound. He went to Georgia Tech. And he knew he liked math."

You liked math, too, right?

"Both of us liked math. We both had an excellent math teacher in high school—Wilcox County High School. Excellent. Our math teacher's name was Watson. Annette Watson. Miss Watson."

And what was it like to watch Dee go off to college?

"It was kind of like a... John Boy Walton—a Walton thing... Again, we were into Model-A's, and the dating model had a rumble seat; it was a coup, a sports coup. And that's your fancy car. And Dee drove that to Georgia Tech. He left the compound."

What year was this?

"It was 1954. And Dee spent one night on the road driving over there. He drove to Atlanta, Georgia, in a Model-A Ford. Off to college... I remember it was a Sunday afternoon when he took off. We all—including the children—kind of went off somewhere to shed a few tears. But Dee spent a night on the road, and he—Dee's a big storyteller—told about a hitchhiker that he came across. Back then there were a lot of hitchhikers. Today, y'know, you worry they might stab you to death... But Dee's in the Model-A, and the Model-A doesn't have a whole lot of acceleration. And the hitchhiker -- of course, you see, Dee had room inside—ran along beside Dee— 'Come on, buddy, come on!' And the hitchhiker was getting mad with Dee, and Dee was tryin' to accelerate... And the hitchhiker kept running along beside Dee until the Model-A finally picked up enough speed and pulled away from the hitchhiker.

"But he eventually got to Georgia Tech."

Dr. Lee Albritton points out a celestial phenomenon to a Shelton student at his observatory at the Fredd Campus. Albritton's brother, scientist Daniel, is a long-time member of the international committee which is sharing the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

In the next issue Dr. Lee Albritton tells more stories about his brother "Dee."

Lee Albritton also recounts how he happened to go to college in Texas, plied his chemistry trade in North Carolina and found his true calling in T-town.

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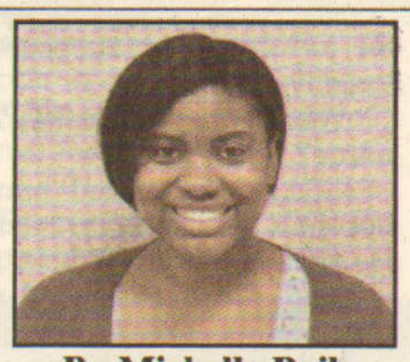


By Michelle Bailey

College Lifestyles

Courier Poll: Faith at Shelton State

College is more than going to classes and cramming for exams. What most people remember are the experiences and the challenges they face while trying to discover who they are. But does religion have an influence on those experiences and discoveries?

In a recent poll of about sixty random students, mostly everyone said they believe in God. Only 1.8 percent said they do not believe. We live in a religious community so every single person has been exposed to some form of religious teachings. But even with all the exposure, the decision to believe and the choices that go with that decision are based on the individual.

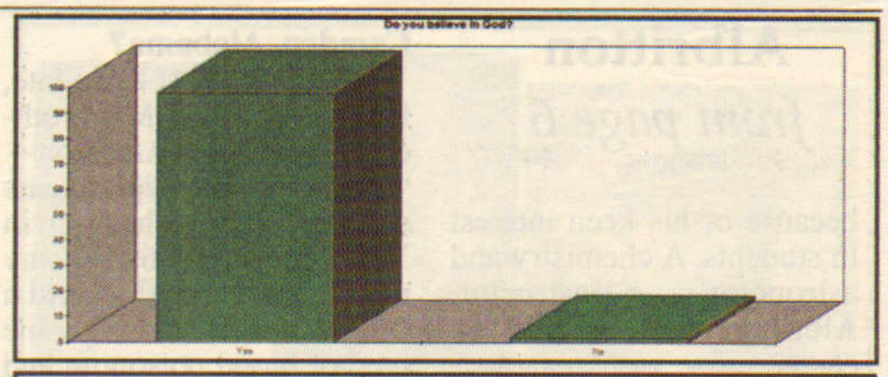
There is also a question of whether not going to church influences the belief in God. The results were half and half. Can a person not go to church but believe in God? According to the students at Shelton, the answer is yes.

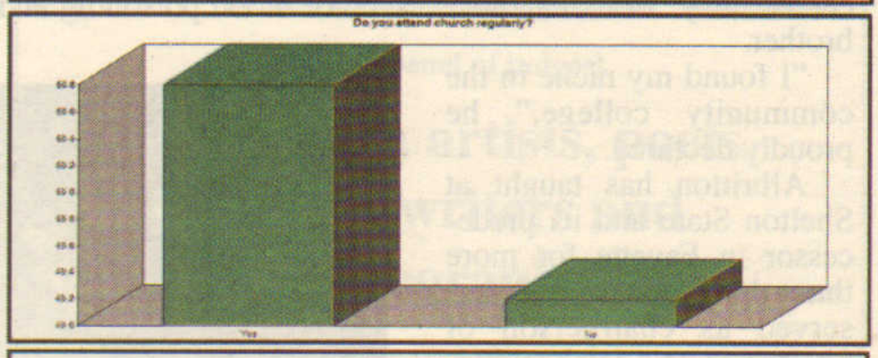
Going to church and the belief in God has an impact on some people's daily lives. Exactly 69.5 percent said that religion influences their decisions while 30.5 percent said it does not. Some 29.5 percent of the people who said that they are not influenced by religion believe in God. What makes them different from the people who are influenced by religion? Do the non-influential students believe in God but not the Bible, or do they believe in God and his teachings but choose not to follow them?

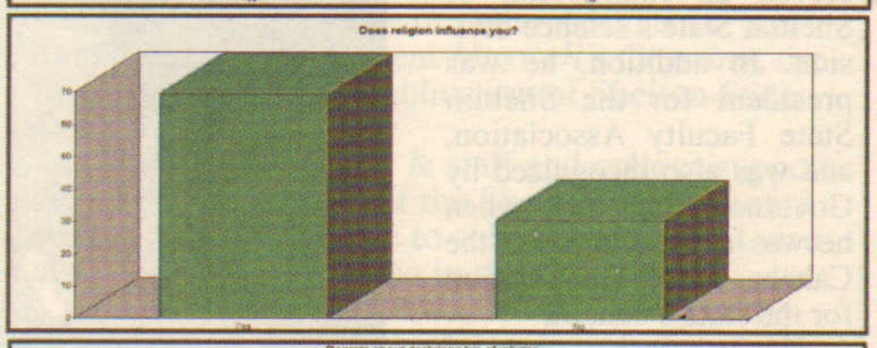
Sometimes those decisions lead to regret.

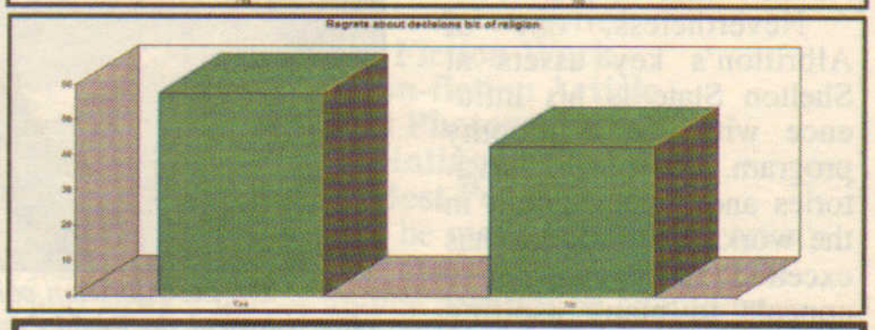
Exactly 57.6 percent regret their decisions because of religious beliefs. They may have engaged in activities such as drinking, smoking, partying, and premarital sex and they are having second thoughts about those choices. They believe that what they did was wrong. Why? There are thousands of college students doing those activities and those activities are considered normal for young adults. But for people who believe in God and want to follow his teachings, those activities go against what they believe is right.

In the next edition of the CL, I will explore deeper into this subject and I will provide a *Shelton State Courier* exclusive on this controversial subject.









Restaurant Review

Panera Bread

After months of construction and delayed traffic, the Midtown Village has finally opened some of their stores and one of their many restaurants, Panera Bread. Panera Bread already has a location in Birmingham and this is its second location in Alabama.

As I pulled up into the parking lot, I saw a sea of cars. I managed to find a parking space and headed inside. It was a sunny, Saturday afternoon and people were sitting outside under umbrella tables and sipping sweet tea and coffee.

When I saw the line, I looked to my friend and one phrase came to mind: Oh my God. The line was out the door and the restaurant was packed with people. One man in line turned around and said, "I hope you're not hungry."

I figured it was going to be a long wait so I looked around. The place was set up like a fast food restaurant mixed with a café vibe. The dim lighting made it feel very cozy and the orange and deep red color scheme gave the feeling of autumn. There were plenty of cherry-wood tables and booths with cushioned seats but they were not spread out and it looked cramped.

There was also a good variety on the menu. There were sandwiches, salads, soups and drinks that catered to everyone. It's called Panera Bread so there was also bagels, muffins and other pastries as well as coffee.

I ordered a French onion soup in a bread bowl, a fruit cup, and a hot chocolate. My friend ordered a chicken Caesar salad with hot chocolate. The total came out to $17.28. It's not the most expensive but it's certainly not the cheapest. Come with plenty of money.

I thought the food was good. The soup had plenty of cheese on top and the right amount of onions. It was also very flavorful without being heavy. The fruit cup tasted fresh. Almost as if I had picked the fruit out of an orchard and made it myself.

The hot chocolate was okay but was not good enough to order again. I thought it tasted like a pre-made mix that you would buy at a grocery store.

I tried some of my friend's salad and it needed more salad dressing. I also thought the chicken was good, but nothing to brag about. The salad wasn't terrible but I asked my friend if she would order it again and she said, "no."

No restaurant is perfect. Panera Bread has a reputation for making amazing soups and sandwiches. Stick with those. I have been there several times after that Saturday. The food there is good. If you like simple food and are sick of burgers, chicken fingers, and tacos, then this is a place you should try.

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License to Wed

DVD Review (Release Oct.30)

Released just before Halloween, *License to Wed* appears to be a feel-good film directed by Ken Kwapis from a screenplay by Kim Barker and Tim Rasmussen.

Storyline:

Sadie Jones, (Mandy Moore), bumps into Ben Murphy, (John Krasinski) while entering a Starbucks. Through comical happenings, the two become mutually attracted. After six months of dating, Ben proposes to Sadie at a celebration honoring her parent's, (Peter Strauss and Roxanne Hart), 30th wedding anniversary. The eccentric family welcomes the engagement in their funny way and talks the young couple into a local wedding instead of the Caribbean one Ben had in mind.

The only requirement for the extraordinarily quick wedding to transpire is for Ben and Sadie to pass a marriage course given by the Joneses' family minister, (Robin Williams). Reverend Frank has an "Addam's Family"- like child prodigy known as the Choir Boy, (Josh Flitter). Ben thinks Reverend Frank's tactics much too extreme and sets to "find him out" before the wedding day for fear of failing the requirements. Convinced that there must be dirt on the reverend, Ben's married friend Joel (DeRay Davis) adds to the investigation.

Opinion:

Though the movie has its slow points and some of the reverend's antics and expressions seem surreal, it's a good DVD rental for a "feel-good" film. Robin Williams has made several films of better caliber, but the cast is likeable and multi-scene footage involving robotic babies to test the young couple's parental qualifications is hilarious.

Rating: 2 CL's out of 4.

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